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Can a man help imitating that with which he holds reverential converse?—Plato.

PUBLIC CEMETERY NEEDED

Honolulu's inability to care for its indigent dead has reached the point where it is becoming a public scandal.

The body of a poor unfortunate, William Reynolds, the ex-soldier who was killed in a drunken orgy Tuesday night, lay unburied for more than two days because no place could be found where the destitute man might have decent interment. For him there was not even the six feet of earth that should be the right of every man when the world refuses longer to give him life. The section set apart for indigent dead by a local undertaker has been filled, and William Reynolds was unburied until a place was found for him—by special permission—in the prisoners' plot, where his body will lie with the outcasts and dishonored.

William Reynolds was "only a drunken bum," but to the meanest of its creatures the world owes the duty of covering their faces with the all-forgiving soil when death is so carelessly tossing dust.

The public cemetery is a necessity; the lack of it a shame. One political party has recognized this need in its territorial platform,—the Republican platform. Both parties are calling for the establishment of a receiving hospital in Honolulu.

The delayed burial of William Reynolds lends point to a demand now that this cemetery for the indigent be established. It must be established.

KNOX AND FISHER IN HAWAII

Honolulu has welcomed on the same day two cabinet officials of the United States; and in token of the importance of the occasion, had a review of 4,000 regular troops.

The event is of more than passing significance. The Hawaiian Islands have attracted the attention of all the nations as the strategic point in the center of the largest of oceans.

The day has come when two secretaries—the one Hon. Philander C. Knox, secretary of state, returning from the funeral of the emperor of Japan—and the other Hon. Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, investigating the governmental system of the islands—meet in Honolulu, and witness a parade of the infantry, artillery and cavalry.

A few years ago such a thing would have been unthinkable, so perfect was America's isolation; today it is recorded as a passing incident. In other words, the United States has become a world power.

Nor will the citizens of Seattle fail to note another significant fact—the two secretaries are returning to Washington, D. C., by way of this city. Since America is a world power, Seattle is its most important Pacific port.—Seattle Times.

HYPNOTIZING HIMSELF

If Link McCandless believes that he is holding his own on the other islands, he is an exceedingly lonesome man in that belief. In fact, he is a curiosity. Kauai and Maui will be heavily Republican. Hawaii, in spite of the coalition of the Home Rulers and the Democrats—for politics only—will give Kuhio a majority, though the success of some other Republican candidates may be doubtful. A good deal of McCandless's strength, to speak plainly, is going to be among the voters of Oahu who believe that McCandless, in spite of his radical views and tendency to injure his own cause by unwise talking, is preferable to Kuhio. Kuhio has undoubtedly alienated much of the Republican support he had two years ago, while other support, if not alienated, is lukewarm,—the kind of lukewarmness that may vote for him but refuses to spend money for his election. So far as that is concerned, Kuhio has said that he does not wish the "interests" to put up any of his campaign expenses, which means, of course, his personal expenses. With it all, Kuhio will always have a following that McCandless cannot alienate and that may be counted upon to grow stronger with an eleventh-hour appeal on the grounds of friendship and affiliation.

Says that interesting paper, A Setta, of Hilo: "The Advertiser is certainly very inconsistent towards its friends. It is only a couple of months ago that J. M. Dowsett was boosted up

a tree as the logical candidate for delegate to Congress. He possessed all the confidence, qualifications, ability, etc., etc., and had the backing of the big 'Tiser for the position. But of course, he withdrew from the race and thereby incurred the displeasure of the 'Tiser. (Another advocated issue lost.) But now that Mr. Dowsett has received the nomination for senator at the hands of the Republican party, the 'Tiser desires to be informed as to what Dowsett stands for before giving him any support. He surely stands for the same principles advocated by the 'Tiser two months ago, so to be consistent the 'Tiser must boost and help to elect him."

Fuller advices from the Philippines indicate that the disastrous typhoon of last week did not damage Manila nearly as heavily as the first reports received here indicated. The Associated Press cablegram last Saturday under a Manila date line told of the ravages of the storm without even intimating that it had touched other spots than Manila, which was probably an oversight. Since then the tone of the dispatches indicates that it was other parts of the islands that suffered the most, if not all, of the \$25,000,000 worth of damages. Manila is naturally desirous of having no garbled or exaggerated reports of the safety of its harbor go out, and this paper gladly makes a voluntary correction that seems just, in the absence of exact details to the contrary.

Since the day when the poet sang—

"At midnight, in his guarded tent,
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour,
When Greece, her knees in supplication bent,
Should tremble at his power!"—

the lines have been recited by almost every schoolboy from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and presumably the great poem will again grace the Friday afternoon "literary exercises" in a thousand institutions of learning. The Turk has been dreaming of a suppliant Greece for centuries and now, awakened from dreams by the clash of arms and the shouts of the invading hosts, is preparing for the greatest war of this century and perhaps of the last four decades. Europe is likely to shake ere Greece be suppliant or the Turk return to his dream.

San Francisco's reign of graft was torn up by the roots, even though the California courts, in a series of decisions for which there has never been excuse or explanation, undid the work of cinching the grafters that juries had already done at the behest of Heney and Johnson. Now New York is trying to uproot the vicious system that fattens on vice and official corruption. It is safe to predict that Police Lieutenant Becker will be convicted. Then it will be interesting to watch the appeals, for their course may measure how far Tammany's vicious power extends through New York state's judiciary.

The STAR-BULLETIN invites attention to a communication published in this issue from a veteran police officer of San Francisco, now retired, upon the relation of crime and drink. Here is no theorist, no man with academic discussion; he speaks from practical experience of an unsurpassable character. And while reading this communication the citizens of Honolulu will do well to ponder over the question of whether their sheriff, head of the police force, is carrying out his sworn duty when on many occasions and in many public places he is unfit for duty. Is this good administration?

This is from Providence, R. I.: "A dispatch from Hawaii this morning reports the nomination of Mr. Kalaniana'ole for Congress, but fails to state how the gentleman pronounces his name." And this from Milwaukee: "Pacific ports and the Hawaiian islands expect to do a large business in shipping fertilizing soils through the Panama canal to eastern markets. And eastern ports expect to do as large a business shipping fertilizing soils through the canal to Pacific coast ports. Who said home market?"

Joe Cohen complains that we have not mentioned his name lately. He says he prefers to be roasted rather than overlooked altogether. So here goes: C-o-h-e-n! There you are, Joe. It's mentioned.

The political luau is built on the axiom that the way to a voter's heart is through his stomach.

Mexico is becoming a continual performance instead of a republic.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

WHERE IS SHERIFF JARRETT?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—As a result of a conference of residents along the Wai'alae road, this letter is addressed to you, but is to be considered an open letter to the sheriff or to whoever has the enforcing of the laws of this city and county.

Auto-drivers, with hardly an exception, consider the Wai'alae road, between Third and Tenth avenues, to be a speedway, and the machines, going both ways, are opened up to the full.

There is no question but what the Wai'alae road, between the points designated, is the best road in this city and county, and is a temptation to the motorists to "let her out," and they certainly do.

The Wai'alae road is fairly well settled with residents, now, but there are no sidewalks to speak of, and the people living in that vicinity must use the main road to travel on, and this being the case it is positively dangerous for pedestrians to use the road, especially on Sunday, and parents dare not send a child to any of the stores in that locality.

Attention to this fast driving on the Wai'alae road has been called before, and if the sheriff, or whoever is responsible for the enforcing of the speed laws does not put a stop to the auto-scorching on this road, the residents will put a stop to it in a way that will not be pleasant to either side.

A COMMITTEE OF SEVEN.

II DECISION AGAIN.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Mr. P. L. Weaver's criticism of the decision of Judge Dole and of the Rev. H. H. Parker's translation of the will of the late Hon. John II published in your issue of the 16th instant, prompts me to write this and remind Mr. Weaver that the whole meat of the will is in the last paragraph of it and upon my reading and understanding of said paragraph I told my friend, C. A. Brown, twenty years ago that the will was a trust estate and at some future date, he would know it to be such and I was one of those who openly criticized the decision of the supreme court rendered in May, 1897.

The last paragraph mentioned in the will provides that upon the demise of his daughter, Irene, she failing to have issue, the estate to descend to her own mother and upon her death to his younger brother, J. Kamoi-kehuehu.

This surely gave to Mrs. Holloway only a life interest in the property devised to her.

The fact that she has had children settles who the fee of the property must ultimately be owned by, namely her children and their heirs, otherwise the fee of the estate upon Mrs. Holloway's death would be owned by the heirs of the late J. Kamoi-kehuehu. Mrs. Holloway's own mother's death having already occurred.

Have Mr. Weaver put the authorities on Hawaiian and English translation that he has quoted, in the paragraph I have referred to and their translation of it will support Mr. Dole's decision although the supreme court constituted as it was, for expediency to pass upon the title to this property in 1897, says it repudiated this view as advanced by the attorneys for the plaintiff in that case.

No truer and more correct decision upon the will of a deceased person wherein it depended upon the translation of Hawaiian into English, has ever been handed down by a court in this territory than the decision of Judge Dole in this case and in his arriving at the intent and meaning of the paragraph mentioned, he was ably assisted by Mr. Parker's thorough knowledge of the Hawaiian language.

Yours truly,
JOHN F. COLBURN.

A POLICE OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE WITH CRIME AND DRINK.

Honolulu, Oct. 21, 1912.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—As a new-comer and a retired police officer, I was interested in your editorial in Saturday's paper on the tragedy which was the cause of an ex-soldier losing his life. Your article says in part:

"It was murder by some man who was probably harmless when sober, but utterly and dangerously irresponsible and vicious when saturated with cheap booze."

Now, Mr. Editor, most men are vicious and irresponsible when saturated with alcohol of any grade. The deed committed by Harry Thaw, which landed him in an insane asylum, was committed at the end of a champagne debauch.

In looking back over the eleven years I was an officer on the San Francisco police force I can recall but one murder case where the criminal was convicted but what there was more or less booze mixed with the tragedy and that lone case was the horrible murders committed by Theo. Durant, for which he forfeited his life.

You will find the victims of king alcohol in all our public institutions. The insane asylum holds its share, hospitals, jails, almshouses and penitentiaries are filled to overflowing, and even in the wards of the hospitals for children you will find the poor little innocent victims of king alcohol, who suffer from the errors of father or mother and in many cases both.

I have helped pack out the remains of three little ones, burned to death by the upsetting of a lamp by their drunken mother. I have arrested scores of drunken brutes for wife-beating. I have gathered the mangled remains of drunken victims crushed to death by street-cars and other vehicles.

Ask the warden of your penitentiary, your county jailer, your sheriff, what keeps their institutions full and their answer will be Booze.

Chief Crowley, who was chief of police of San Francisco for twenty-five years, said in my presence, "If I could stop the consumption of alcohol in San Francisco, I would guarantee to police this city with ten men."

I have seen as none but a police officer can see how it has debauched our womankind. The victims of the white slave-traders are small in numbers compared to those whom king alcohol leads on the downward path, from which society holds up its hands in holy horror, and says, 'Thou shalt not return!' Yours truly,
CHAS. REYNOLDS.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

H. T. MILLS—As an instance of civic progress, Bethel street sidewalk this morning could not be beaten.

PAUL SUPER—Boosting the Men and Religion Forward Movement is like courting a widow. You can't do too much of it.

A. A. EBERSOLE—To the man who is not on the inside of politics, and yet who is anxious to make his vote count, the present situation in this city is certainly a puzzle.

L. L. LA PIERRE—The Republican committee has sent me a batch of campaign literature in Portuguese. What do you know about that, after I have been in the country so long?

GAMBLERS PAY MANY FINES

Three hundred and forty dollars in the good coin of the realm was realized this morning following a brief half-hour session of the District court, presided over by Judge Lanarich.

Chief of Detectives McDuffie and his squad of sleuths were responsible for the invasion of nearly fifty orientals, all charged with participation in a series of gambling games.

Arrests were made both on Saturday and Sunday night. In all cases with but two or three exceptions the defendants entered a plea of guilty and in throwing themselves upon the mercy of the court, wove the nominal fine of six dollars and one dollar as cost of prosecution.

Eight Chinese caught in the playing of Paikou at a well known Kailahi resort, were first called, followed by a party of fifteen Filipinos, who engaged in playing craps. Two Filipinos were granted a nolle prosequi, they being informers connected with the police department. McDuffie and his men engaged in a free fight before they succeeded in landing the "Little Brown Brothers" in the police drag net.

Eleven Japanese with evidences of jolani about their clothes were also arrested on Sunday night and were among the contributors to city and county expend.

HOLMES WILL SPEAK AT INTER-CHURCH SUPPER

An Inter-Church supper will be held at Cooke Hall this evening in honor of Harry N. Holmes, to which the layman and pastors of the different churches of the city will be present and also representatives from the Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian and Portuguese churches.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Mr. Holmes, who will explain to those present what the campaign on the Men and Religion Forward Movement may mean to Honolulu. The campaign will practically begin at the meeting, when committees and officers will be appointed to take charge of the different lines of work, and will come to the climax with the visit of Messrs. Smith and Robins, accompanied by the International Quartet, in January.

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